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ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

1330, Thursday, 18 Sept 1980

CIA Auditorium

Today celebrating our 33rd Birthday

18 September 1947 - 33 years ago - also fell on a Thursday. On that day:

- A small article in the New York Times predicted that the guided missile would be the revolutionary new weapon of the future.
- The Yugoslav Army was looking eye-to-eye at the US-UK peace-keeping force in Trieste - threatening to attack if the allies did not yield more of Trieste to Yugoslavia.
- Lithuania lodged a formal demand at the UN in Flushing Meadows, N.Y., that the Soviet Union withdraw from Lithuania so that her independence could be restored.
- And, President Truman - returning from Rio de Janeiro aboard the battleship Missouri - due in Washington Saturday - radioed to his Special Assistant Clark Clifford the order to have James Forrestal - then Secretary of the Navy - sworn into office as the first Secretary of Defense immediately.

The National Security Act would go into effect at Midnight tonight - Truman wanted no delays in implementation.

- \* Dept of War would become Dept of Army and be unified with Navy and new Dept of Air Force
- \* And - the Central Intelligence Group would become the Central Intelligence Agency.

Today - 33 years later - much has changed around us and to us

- Issues different
- Environment in which we must work different
- Tools we depend on are different.

As we enter new decade of 1980's, need to look ahead - not back

- Ask selves what need to do to continue doing as fine a job  
as we have over the years.

Unquestionably the bedrock of this Agency's extraordinary capability is its people -- you and those who have served with you over the years.

And - as regards people - decade of 80's looks especially bright.

First of all - you can take confidence in the fact that today - bringing  
aboard the cream of the crop

- Interest in Agency is strong
- Being as selective as have consistently been in the past
- Consequently, new employees are exceptionally well-qualified

Secondly - much effort being expended to <sup>adapt</sup> improve and <sup>already</sup> strengthen our personnel  
management system *to the times & circumstances lie ahead* *June*

- Want to ensure a career at the Agency remains as challenging  
as it has been in the past -- and that we make the kind of  
adjustments to the times that may be necessary to guarantee  
that the best career opportunities in the Federal Government  
are right here.

Finally - the future looks bright because of you who make the Agency what  
it is right now.

Want to recognize many of you today for the loyal and capable  
service you render this nation.

Want to thank you for that service - wish you Happy Birthday - and  
give you your awards.